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SUBJ: FON MIN HUERTA COMMENTS ON OAS MEETING AND
EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS

1. FON MIN ISMAEL HUERTA, IN SANTIAGO AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 24 UPON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON MFM AND ATLANTA OAS MEETING, STATED THAT HE FOUND PROPOSAL, APPARENTLY MADE BY CUBAN EXILE GROUP IN ATLANTA, FOR EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS HELD BY CASTRO GOVT FOR ALLENDE GOVT MEMBERS PRESENTLY DETAINED IN CHILE AS "INTERESTING AND WORTH FURTHER STUDY." HUERTA SAID THIS WAS NOT OFFICIAL GOC POSITION SINCE CHILEAN DETAINEES ARE "UNDER CONTROL OF JUDICIARY."

2. HUERTA NOTED THAT HE HAD STRESSED CHILEAN OPPOSITION TO READMITTANCE OF CUBA TO OAS AND REMOVAL OF PRESENT OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. HUERTA ALSO UNDERLINED CHILEAN OPPOSITION TO CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MFM MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES AND INABILITY OF THAT BODY TO MAKE DECISIONS ON READMITTANCE OF CUBA TO INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. HUERTA COMMENTED THAT CUBA ISSUE WAS MENTIONED BY SOME FOREIGN MINISTERS IN ATLANTA MEETING BUT HAD NOT BEEN FORMALLY RAISED AT OAS.

3. HUERTA CALLED FOR MORE RAPID ACTION IN REVAMPING OAS INTERNAL ORGANIZATION, BUT HE STRONGLY DEFENDED RIO TREATY AND BOGOTA PACT AS "BASIC INSTRUMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF PEACE
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AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS." HUERTA ALSO PRAISED "FRANK AND

OPEN" DIALOGUE WITH SEC KISSINGER IN MFM SESSIONS.

4. HUERTA CLAIMED THAT HE HAD SWEDEN IN MIND RATHER THAN ANY
LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY (I.E. MEXICO) IN HIS REMARKS ABOUT
OTHER COUNTRIES INTERVENING IN INTERNAL CHILEAN AFFAIRS FOR
THEIR OWN DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS.
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